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## DOGS FOR SPORT AND PLEASURE.

### MISSING MAN TRACED.

A striking performance of a bloodhound owned by Mr. W. Hall, of Biddon, near Shipley, again demonstrates the possibilities for usefulness inherent in this breed. Mr. Hall, who is a member of the Association of Bloodhound Breeders, as a busy man, has not had much leisure in which to train his bitch, and it is highly creditable to her and her owner that she should have been able to carry a line thirteen hours cold and continue the quest the next morning. The circumstances, says the "Daily Telegraph," are as follows. An aged gentleman, leaving home early one morning to do some shopping, disappeared entirely, and a search throughout the day proving fruitless, Mr. Hall was asked to try his hound. Taken to the spot where the missing man was last seen, she led the way to a hen-cote belonging to him, where was found a carpet bag that he had been carrying. The track was then followed across the moor until darkness compelled an adjournment. First thing the following morning the hunt was resumed, proceeding until a piece of water, known as Intake Dam, was reached, and in this the body was found. Mr. Hall was complimented by the coroner at the inquest.

This admirable piece of work should be as a further stimulus to the employment of bloodhounds in a district that is already appreciating their merits, for the chief constable of the West Riding (Major Atcherley), in which Haidon is situated, owns a couple, while his brother-in-law, the Chief of the North Riding, Major H. L. Bower, is the possessor of two and a half couples, some of which were sired by one of Captain Noel Lloyd's Wiltshire hounds. As these hounds are shaping well, they will no doubt in the course of time more than justify their existence.

### METHODS OF HANDLING.

Sergeant Fox, under whose control the hounds are, was a game-keeper before he joined the force, and so was P. C. Wilson, who handles the Wiltshire hounds so well, and who has already given many lessons to "conterres" from other parts of the country. Naturally, a man knowing nothing about dogs would be greatly handicapped in training a hound, and he would be more likely to meet with failure than success, but a gamekeeper starts equipped with a knowledge that cannot fail to be most helpful. If he can manage shooting dogs properly there is no profound secret in mantracing that he cannot master readily. The main thing is to have patience and good temper, as well as a capacity for gaining the confidence of one's charges. P. C. Wilson has already taught bloodhound breeders a few things that they did not know—he has shown that hounds commonly supposed to be a bit nervous and headstrong can be made as tractable as retrievers, and that, instead of being put off their work if checked, they can be stopped and set on to the line again as if nothing had happened. The way in which one of the Wiltshire puppies, at the trials near Ludgershall, submitted to a rating when she had noted on game, and then went on hunting on a cold line with scarcely any scent was a revelation. It convinced one that bloodhounds are no more nervous than other dogs, and that they are just as capable of being brought under perfect control.

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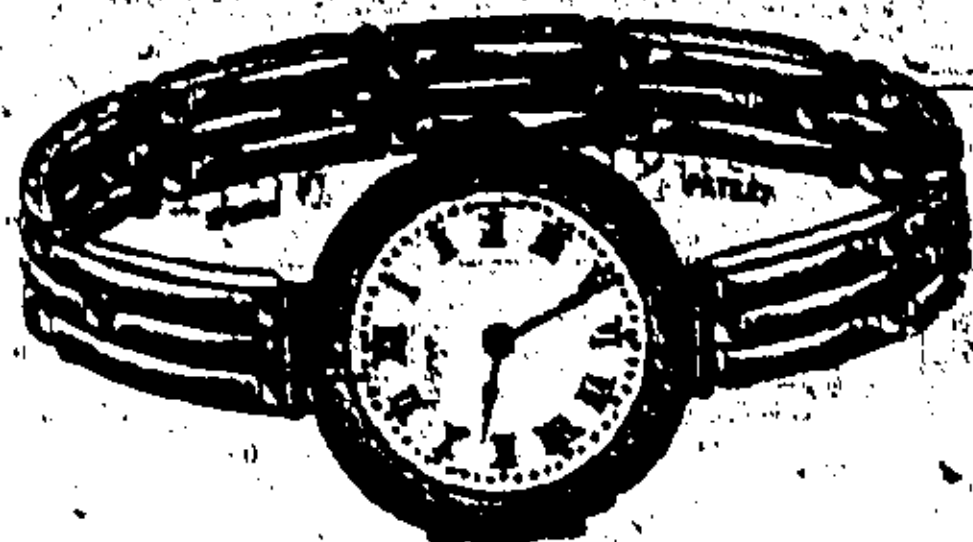
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By order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1914.

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## THE THIRTY THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Manager at 12 noon on MONDAY 6th April to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December 1913 and the Report of the General Manager.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th instant to 6th prox. both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON &amp; Co. Ltd. General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1914.

## THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ELEVENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at noon on WEDNESDAY the 16th of April, 1914, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1913, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

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## SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 10.

Hawick gave their best display of the season against Edinburgh University, who only gained the victory in the closing minutes of the game through a goal dropped by Thomas.

The match provided a rare contrast of styles: the passing movements of the University finding a fit response in the fine footwork of the Border forwards.

Scheme and finesse as Fahmy might, the men behind him were never able to rid themselves of the attentions of the Hawick backs, and a set of forwards who broke up quickly and spread themselves tactfully.

Keen marking and tenacious tackling always foiled the advances of the students.

None expelled the veteran veterans, Wilson, in this respect; he was the outstanding man in the field. Quite unexpectedly, Glasgow High School stretched Glasgow Academical's, their forwards playing particularly well. It was a neat thing between Gals and Stewartians, and a stout fight to the finish. Most of the other matches were foregone conclusions, and were decided on established form.

ROGUEY RESULTS.

Edinburgh University, 4; Hawick, 0.

Glasgow Academical, 8; Gls. H.S., 0.

F.C. University, 8; Kelvinside Acad., 6.

Watson, 35; Greenock Wanderers, 3.

Edin. Wanderers, 29; Institution, 10.

R.H.S., F.P., 10; Heriotians, 10.

Gals, 17; Stewartians, 11.

Jed Forest, 12; Melrose, 9.

Clydebank, 15; Ayr, 0.

Edin. Academical, 29; West of Scotland, 0.

St. Andrews Univ., 15; Padmore, 0.

Loretto, 5; Walsley, 3.

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SCOTTISH CUP.

If we except the failure of Third Lanark to qualify for the semi-final of the Scottish Cup at the first time of asking, there was no sensational item in last week's tie.

The Valerians exposed a walk over with Stirling, but they had to put in a lot of strong running to earn that game. It is not the first time that an over confident team has paid the penalty, and it may be taken for granted that they will leave nothing to chance in the replay. It was the misfortune of Queen's Park to be drawn against opposition which, as a rule, and almost as a matter of course, they had as much of the game as the Hibernians, but according to custom, the Edinburgh Irishmen finished with the bulk of the scoring.

Though the Celtic defence maintained its reputation for solidity by losing only a penalty goal at Motherwell, it was the sound tackling of the half-backs that enabled them to gain a place in the last four. St. Mirren and Partick Thistle gave their worst display this year; but it was hard on the Thistle that the least competent side should win.

THE LEAGUE.

Heart of Mid-Lothian chose Kilmarnock as a subject of experiment, and paid for it by losing the points and all hopes of displacing Celtic in the championship honours with Rangers and Celtic. Rangers also did a little experimenting, and would have suffered had the Clyde forwards been at all accurate in their shooting.

SCOTTISH CUP—FOURTH ROUND.

Hibernians, 3; Queen's Park, 1.

Third Lanark, 0; Stirling Albion, 0.

St. Mirren, 1; Partick Thistle, 0.

Celtic, 3; Motherwell, 3.

THE SOUL OF ANCIENT FRANCE.

M. Rodin on Cathedrals.

The book of M. Rodin, the great sculptor, on the cathedrals of France, will shortly appear, and the "Tempe" is already enabled to publish extracts from it.

So far as can be judged from these extracts the book represents a poetic re-creation inspired by the contemplation of the French cathedrals rather than a technical analysis of their architecture.

M. Rodin says that the great cathedrals are so constructed as to charm the near observer by the grace of their details and to exhibit vast and swelling outlines to the observer from afar. The cathedral was built to gather the city, as it were, under its wings and to be a rallying point for the pilgrim journeying along the distant road. The effect of cathedral architecture depends upon the play of light and shade, the harmonious employment of which is, properly speaking, both the means and the object of all the arts.

M. Rodin believes that French cathedrals are in large measure the product of nature as seen in France, and particularly of the French atmosphere, and he finds that their architecture remains him of the wings of a Jack soaring.

The Cambridge horse tramway cars were sold by public auction on February 20. They realised on an average, 210 each, £15 being paid for one vehicle. Undergraduates present at the sale bought various articles as memoranda. Some were anxious to buy a tramway car but were outbid.

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(Continued from "China Mail" of

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of both our own country and of China.

To-night, as representing our own

Government, we have Sir Walter Langley

and Mr. Thomas Worthington; we

have Dr. Chen, who represents the

Chinese Government as well as the

Secretary of the Chinese Legation, and

with them we are associated in a

constant and close friendship. I feel

sure we should have their blessing in

going to the Provincial Government and

members for our contracts, and we could

give them something in return—the

guarantee that they would receive the

best that the British manufacturer could

give. (Hear, hear)—and that the con-

struction which they entrusted to us should

be honestly carried out. (Applause.)

We also wish to cultivate the friendship

of the Foreign Office, and have already

had many proofs of their friendship,

though we are told it is sometimes

difficult to obtain. (Laughter.) If we

can have their full support in China we

shall go about our enterprises with the

knowledge that we are advancing British

interests throughout that mighty land,

and the British manufacturer will be

invested with a power which nothing

could withstand. It is not necessary for

me to say how cordially we welcome to-

night the presence of Sir Walter Langley,

president of the China Association, who

was not merely Adviser to the Chinese

Government, but has since we started

held the still more arduous, if less lar-

ge, appointment of honorary adviser to

this Association. Mr. Brennan, too, is

one who has guided our early steps with

unfailing patience. Among our other

guests are Sir Charles Addis, of the Hong-

kong and Shanghai Bank; Mr. George

Jamieson, of the British and Chinese

Corporation; Mr. Leo Smith, and the

directors of many of the important

British merchant firms in China. Then,

again, the powerful British Press, which

has been extremely kind to us, is well

represented here to-night; their criticisms

have helped us to learn our own faults.

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have more than doubled our numbers

involved in the business of our mem-

bers was something like £30,000,000;

this year it is over £80,000,000. Turn-

ing to what has passed during the year,

we have sent out to China our Chief

Commissioner, his assistant, and our en-

gineers, and these gentlemen keep us

thoroughly well advised of all that is

going on. We issue reports to our mem-

bers advising of all openings and fresh

possibilities. Surely that alone is worth

the present subscription. We have, fur-

ther, issued a subject-matter index, in

which we classified the productions of all

our members, and this book is open to

the inspection not only of merchants

in China, but of anyone who has interest

in knowing where he can obtain en-

gineering manufactures of the kind that

he desires. In addition, we have, as has

already been stated, materially assisted

in the equipment of the engineering de-

partment of the University of Hong-

kong, upwards of £10,000 worth of ma-

chinery having been supplied by the

members of this Association. Realising

as we do the advantages of teaching

young Chinese British engineering, we

have made a start in arranging for

Chinese students to be educated in the

workshops of some of our members. Then

we have attacked the Conditions of

contract, under which you must all have

smarted on some occasions. I think the

time will come when we as a body shall

be able to rise up and say, "It is time

for one-sided contracts to come to an

end. We want to be fair, but think your

contracts do not comply with that de-

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every confidence that we shall come out

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE ULSTER PROBLEM.

## GENERAL PAGET'S STATEMENT.

## The National Expenditure.

LONDON, April 2.  
The national expenditure amounts to £197,493,000, and the surplus is £750,000. Mr. Lloyd George, however, will require an additional £9,400,000 to cover the expenditure of 1914-15.

## The East Fife Bye-Election.

Polling in this election will take place on April 15.

## General Paget's Statement.

General Sir Arthur Paget, in command of the Forces in Ireland, called at Downing Street, after which Mr. McKenna (Home Secretary) announced in the House of Commons that General Paget had informed Mr. Asquith that the only question put to the General was as to whether they were ready to do their duty before any other considerations. It was not his intention that the General should put questions to their subordinates. He also informed the General that the officers whose homes were in Ulster might temporarily withdraw if operations made the step necessary. General Paget had also requested the General to ascertain the number thus withdrawing. General Paget was asked if other officers would be allowed to resign, and he had replied that "Refusal to do their duty would result in their instant dismissal."

## Mr. Long Wants More Information.

On the second reading of the Home Rule Bill, Mr. Walter Long moved its rejection. He criticised the absence of Mr. Asquith and accused the Government of merely manœuvring for Party purposes and not desiring a settlement. He demanded further information in regard to the Premier's proposals.

## Federal System Advocated.

Sir Edward Grey suggested that they should resume the conversations on the basis of establishing a federal system in the whole country before the end of six years.

## London Press Comments.

"Unionists depressed at the failure of Military Schemes." "Government Chastened." "Failure of the Plot against Ulster." are quotations indicating the attitude of the Party organs towards the pacific tone of Tuesday's debate.

## An Important Condition.

The Liberals emphasise that Sir Edward Grey's suggestion of a settlement was conditional on the passing of the Home Rule Bill, with the option of an election before the Bill became operative.

## A Related Suggestion.

Prominence is being given to the suggestion of Mr. A. A. W. H. P. P. (L.) which was cordially received on both sides, to the effect that both the Parties, after the Home Rule Bill has been read a third time, should establish a Convention to elaborate details of a federal scheme.

## Fecund Tone of Debate Continues.

The debate on Home Rule yesterday was marked by the same peaceable tone as on Tuesday.

Mr. Dillon remarked that a spirit of reasonable conciliation was in evidence, and he desired that both sides would reach a settlement.

## TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

## LONDON, April 1.

The revenue for the past quarter amounted to £76,961,000, an increase of £5,477,000. The total revenue for the year was £198,243,000, an increase of £9,441,000.

## THE FORTY YEAR TEST.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's "Constitutional History" was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown into a classic work which has been read by generations.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## HOME RACING.

## THE BETTING ON THE TETRARCH.

LONDON, April 1.  
The betting on the course at the Newbury Spring Meeting (April 1st and 2nd) on the Derby was 1,500 to 600 against The Tetrarch.

## JAPAN AND PEACE.

## EMULATING GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 2.  
At the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects—Marquis of Bristol presiding—the Japanese Ambassador at St. James's, in responding to the toast of "The Guests," said that Japan was trying to emulate Great Britain in safeguarding her national interests "by maintaining peace, which was indispensable to civilization." It was Japan's firm purpose and hope that with England's co-operation she would be able to realise her ideal of peace for many generations.

## "THE MARRIAGE MARKET."

All one expects from the modern musical comedy is the finest of plots, quite obscured at times by extraneous musical numbers which seem to have no bearing on the story, an abundance of light music and plenty of humorous situations interspersed with love-making. "The Marriage Market" is superior to this class of musical comedy and that, no doubt is the reason of its successful run in London. The plot is kept well in view all throughout, and in its unfolding the principal characters are given plenty of opportunity for really good acting. Added to this the music, though not so striking as that of many of its forerunners, is tuneful and catchy. A large audience at the Theatre Royal last evening formed quite a good opinion of the play from the Bandman Company's presentation of it. The acting on the whole was quite good, and several of the cast gave really clever character studies. The music was not so good as the acting. In the first place none of the soprano or contralto songs were done justice to, and the chorus work could have been greatly improved upon. The voices were not sufficiently strong at times to be heard above an orchestra which was inclined to be rather aggressive; and the words of many of the songs were consequently lost to the audience. These faults were counteracted somewhat by the cleverness of the principles, already referred to, and pretty stage settings and beautiful costumes combined to produce a result which was distinctly the best of the present visit. By this time the plot is fairly well-known, and it is sufficient to say that the story concerns the matrimonial complications which arise from a West country marriage market, ordinarily quite harmless in its results, but on this occasion given far-reaching effects by the determination of the Sheriff who conducts the proceedings to make the thing "real legal." The couples, of course, appear to be paired off wrongly, and it takes quite a long time to straighten matters out.

As Lord Hurlingham, an ultra-dude, Mr. Bobby Roberts was the outstanding figure on the stage. His affected mannerisms were sustained wonderfully well, and his performance was a really clever study. Mr. Jimmie Hooper, as Blinker, Lord Hurlingham's valet, was also entrusted with a role requiring careful noting, and he made the most of it, the audience being kept in a state of constant merriment by his humour. Mr. Alec Worcester was an able exponent of the part of Slippery Jack, a cowboy, a character which afforded him ample opportunity for the exercise of his fine voice. Miss Irene Baye played Marjorie Gilly skillfully and tastefully and was at her best in the love scenes with Slippery Jack, whom she married in ignorance of the fact that the service is binding. Miss Babe Keodall made a charming and dainty Kitty Kent, and Miss Nellie Thomas was an impudent little midday. Miss Addie Leonard did well as Emma, Marjorie's maid.

The piece will be repeated this evening.

## BRITISH OFFICER KILLED IN THE SUDAN.

## HARTON, March 5.

As already telegraphed by Reuter, on March 3 a party of an Arab Battalion of the Egyptian Army, under Hassan Major Conry, of the Connaught Rangers, came up with a party of about 500 Arabs near Wadi el-Hadid, on the Atbara River, about 50 miles from Khartoum. The British officer was killed.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

## EDINBURGH, March 10.

## THE GEMER HALL IN EDINBURGH.

Eighteen years ago, Mr. Andrew Usher, head of the brewing firm of that name, endowed Edinburgh with a great idea and a large sum of money. He presented £100,000 to the Corporation for the erection of a hall, which should remain a centre of attraction to musical artists and performers and of the citizens of Edinburgh who desire to hear good music, instrumental and vocal. Unfortunately Edinburgh Corporation is mostly composed of members of the bourgeoisie with peculiarly restricted mental outlook, and no sooner had they carried a vote of thanks to the donor than they entered upon a long and petty squabble about the best site for the hall. Lord Provost after Lord Provost failed by bringing the Corporation to an agreement, and the site was adopted and handed over, and the Corporation became the laughing stock of the whole of Scotland. At last, after 14 years of controversy and after Mr. Andrew Usher had been carried to his grave, the Town Councilors arrived at something like unanimity. They fixed upon a central site, cleared the ground, and managed to sink the difference in time to allow of the memorial stones being laid by King George and Queen Mary on the occasion of their first visit to Scotland after their Coronation. The building is completed; it has been opened by the widow of the donor and the lovers of music on the East of Scotland now in possession of one of the finest halls in the country. The style of the architecture is English "Renaissance," simple and dignified; the hall is a 3170 square feet, and a dome rises to a height of 115 feet. There is seating accommodation for 3000 persons, and largely due to the excellent pillars, the acoustic properties are well nigh perfect. The cost of the building is £134,000, of which £4000 has been spent on the organ.

## SCOTTISH EMIGRATION.

From the beginning of 1911 till the end of 1913, no fewer than 159,536 emigrants sailed from Glasgow. Of this number Canada received a larger proportion than any other part of the world. But there are signs that this great exodus from Scotland is over, at least temporarily, and that emigration from the Clyde during the present year will be far below the average of the three preceding years. Several causes have helped to bring about this state of affairs, but the two principal are the industrial depression which has seized Scotland during the past winter and the improved conditions of employment which the farmer at home has been compelled to give to the agricultural labourer because of the scarcity of farm hands, this again having been brought about by excessive emigration.

## "THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST."

A piper of the Scots Guards played "The Flowers of the Forest" at the funeral procession of the late Earl of Minto. It was a dirge of peculiar appropriateness for the head of the House of Elliot. About 160 years ago, a forerunner of the late Earl, Gilbert Elliot, and his brilliant sister Jean, were travelling from Edinburgh to Minto House in the family coach. Their talk was of the late Earl's father, and they were a few of the valiant Border clan of Elliot fell in the great battle. Gilbert joyfully waded Jean a pair of gloves and a set of ribbons that she would not compose a song on Flodden. Within a week Jean responded with "The Flowers of the Forest," which kept in the air for many months. It was published anonymously in Edinburgh. Not long after it was written the poem was welded to the now familiar bagpipe melody believed to be of great antiquity.

It will be remembered that at the last stage of the route of King Edward's funeral procession from Windsor Station to St. George's Chapel in the Garter, "The Flowers of the Forest" was rendered by the piper of the Scots Guards. About 15 months ago, also, the Duke of Abercorn, thanked in the Press an unknown piper who played "The Flowers of the Forest" outside the London desol residence on the night his father died. And scarcely a week passed here in Edinburgh without what may be called our national dirge sounding at a military funeral.

## A MINTO LEGEND.

Sir Walter Scott died at Minto House on December 23, 1835, and in his journal he mentions a curious local tradition about the first Earl of Minto, who was Governor-General of India for some years, and who died at Stevenage, on his way down to Scotland, in 1814. The country folk would not believe that the Earl was so young, and thought he had done something in India, which he could not answer for, and they maintained that Minto House was rebuilt on a scale unusually large to give the Earl a suite of rooms, and that he often walked about the woods at night with a white nightgown. Scott adds that the circumstances of the Earl having died on his way down to Scotland was the sole foundation of this absurd legend, which he said only showed how willing the vulgar are to gull themselves when they can find no one else to take the trouble.

## GERMAN ACTIVITY IN CHINA.

Rev. Lord William Cecil, writing recently to "The Times," under the above heading, stated: "I see the Germans with some reason are promoting an influence in China where the young Chinese may become conversant with German engineering work and German products."

"We have for some years been working at a university in Central China, which would have done the same thing for England. Our scheme has met with some little opposition, but we are on the point of withdrawing it. But before we do so, we would like to see the results of the German scheme, and we have been told that the German scheme is a very good one. We have been told that the German scheme is a very good one. We have been told that the German scheme is a very good one."

## SPORTING.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. TAMAR RES. v. D.C.L.I. BOGIES.  
These teams played a 2nd Division United Services League match at the Dockyard yesterday. It was the last match of the season for the sailors. Opening play was in favour of the soldiers, Williams scoring a fine goal after an individual run. Previous to this game, a "penalty" for the sailors. Ultimately, Chard equalised. Just before the interval, Williams scored another fine goal, and the Bogies led at the interval by 2 goals to 1. The game underwent a complete change in the second half, the sailors beating their opponents at all points. Lynch equalised 10 minutes after the restart and Amos scored two more in the next five minutes. Before the end, Lynch scored two more goals for the sailors, which left the result—H.M.S. Tamar Res. 6, D.C.L.I. Bogies 2.

## Shooting.

NATION CUP COMPETITION.  
The "Nation Cup" military competition for British troops, decided yesterday at Kew Old City, attracted entries from only three units, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Royal Engineers and Royal Garrison Artillery. The Cornwall were early winners, their score of 544 being 281 points above the R.E. and 204 more than the R.G.A.  
The test is a most complete one as the teams, consisting of one non-com. and twenty men, have to march five miles in thirty-five minutes to the firing point. Two points per man are deducted for every minute or part of a minute over the time allowance. The march ends at the 800 yards firing point where the whole team fires simultaneously at first class figure targets. The time is one minute and 10 seconds only may be fired. The team then advances at the double to the 400 yards firing point where a similar practice, at second class targets, is carried out.  
The "Nation Cup" Competition, under similar rules, for native troops takes place to-morrow morning and on Saturday the trophies will be presented to the winning teams by Major General Kelly. The ceremony will take place on the grounds of the Hongkong Football Club after the final in the United Services League.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## Hongkong C.C. Tournament.

Yesterday's results in this tournament were as follows:—

## MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.

Second round: J. M. Wood and Mrs. Turnbull (res. 15) beat P. E. M. Collins and Miss Robertson (res. 5/6), 4-6, 6-3, 9-7.

## DOUBLES HANDICAP.

Third round: E. Abraham and S. E. Green (owe 15) beat S. H. Dodwell and G. Hastings (owe 3/6), 6-2, 6-4. A. N. Joceland and J. B. Penman (owe 80) beat A. H. Crook and de Rome (res. 15/1), 6-4, 6-3.

## MR. HAYDEN COFFIN FINED.

## Insurance Act Default.

At the West London Police-court, on March 3, Mr. Hayden Coffin, the actor, residing at 76, Bedford gardens, Kensington, appeared before Mr. Garrett, on a summons taken out by the Insurance Commissioners, for failing to pay contributions under the Act in respect of a domestic servant in his service.

Mr. L. G. Dawson supported the summons for the Commissioners, and Mr. Marshall appeared for the defendant.

Evidence was given by Grace Powley, a young woman in Mr. Coffin's service, who stated that Mr. Coffin would not stamp her card, and told her that he did not agree with the Insurance Act.

Mr. Marshall: What is your view of the Act. Do you agree with it or not? No: I don't. (Laughter.)

Mr. Dawson: Really, sir, is this relevant?

Mr. Garrett (dryly): It is quite immaterial whether she does or does not. (Laughter.)

For the defence, Mr. Marshall urged first that Mr. Coffin asked for certain information from the Commissioners, viz., in respect of which domestic servants contributions were sought, and what the contributions were—and being denied that information, refused to stamp the card. Secondly, he had a conscientious objection—an objection shared by many high-minded men and women—to be made the tool of the Government in collecting a tax from his servant.

Mr. Coffin went into the witness box, and in reply to his solicitor admitted, with a grim smile, that he held certain views about the Insurance Act.

Mr. Marshall: You object that it is imposed on the employer the position of a tax collector? That is so.

And although you are prepared to pay your own contribution towards the tax, you object to interfere with the freedom of your servant?—I do.

That is a conscientious objection?—I am.

In reply to Mr. Dawson, the defendant said he did not believe in any income tax, and he did not believe in the tax on the house, and he did not believe in the tax on the land.

Mr. Dawson: I don't understand you. How can you say you don't believe in the income tax, and yet you are prepared to pay your own contribution towards the tax?

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## GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

## LIBELLIOUS ARTICLE.

## Journalist Sentenced.

## PRAGUE, March 2.

Two journalists named Alfred Popel and Hans Duma were tried here today for a charge of libelling the Crown Prince. The ground of the accusation was an article written by the latter, which appeared in the "Prague Morning," one of these Berlin papers that are published only on Mondays. The article sharply criticised the alleged telegrams of the Crown Prince to General von Deimling and Colonel von Reutter, congratulating them on their conduct in the Zheim affair, as well as the general order in which his Imperial Highness expressed his regret that he would never have the "honourable happiness" of heading the Danzig Hussars in a charge against the enemy.

The writer said that it would be a misfortune if the Prince should presently come to the front, and that the "Prague Morning" would have to encounter the distrust of Germany, with the exception of a small clique, and through his regimental order, that of Europe.

It was further stated in the article that the Prince's action was likely to revive the old German idea of a "Kaiser's Army," and that the people would wonder whether it would not be better to do without the hereditary monarchy and pension off princes.

Defendants asked that Colonel Reutter should be called as a witness as to the text of the Prince's telegram, but this the Court refused to accede to. A motion by the prosecuting counsel that the case should be heard in camera was opposed by Herr Leuss on the ground that he would thereby be deprived of a chance of pointing to the public that his words were not a libel. The Court, however, decided to take the proceedings behind closed doors.

The judgment which was pronounced in public against Herr Scholz, who, it was proved, had no cognisance of the article before it appeared in print, but sentenced Herr Leuss to six months' imprisonment. The Court found that the article was not a libel, but that the defendant, Herr Leuss, had committed a crime of libel. The Court, however, decided to take the proceedings behind closed doors.

## OIL FOR THE FLEET.

## The Navy's Aircraft.

In the House of Commons on March 2, Mr. Churchill explained why he had to ask for a Supplementary Estimate of £2,500,000 for various naval services for the year 1913-1914, says the "Daily Telegraph." The expenditure falls under five main heads:—

- (1) Increase of oil reserves £500,000
- (2) New programme of aircraft £250,000
- (3) Increased dockyard wages and prices £200,000
- (4) Acceleration of three battleships of the 1913-14 programme, owing to the loss of the Canadian Naval Bill £450,000
- (5) Net over-earning by contractors £1,000,000

As to the oil reserves, Mr. Churchill pointed out that they were strictly proportioned to the number of vessels using oil, and so far from there being any shortage of oil he affirmed.

1. That the country possessed at this moment considerably more than three years' peace consumption for the existing oil-burning fleet, and

2. That the Admiralty would continue to keep sufficient oil to be able to conduct a whole year's war.

Month by month, continued Mr. Churchill, as the Fleet increased, the oil position would be maintained and even improved. The First Lord ridiculed the alarming rumours and "fairy tales" which had been current in certain quarters as to the narrow margin of oil reserves on which the Navy was reported to be working, and said that the standard of reserve was subject to revision from time to time. A heavy burden had been imposed on the Admiralty by the fact that the average price of oil, including freight, had more than doubled in the last two years.

## ENGLAND'S SEVEREIN.

With regard to the new aircraft programme of the Admiralty, Mr. Churchill announced that he had placed contracts for the following ships:—

1. One large rigid and three smaller non-rigid dirigibles. The former, to quote Mr. Churchill's description, is "approximately 'Zeppelin' of the latest type" and will be built in England.

Two new airships are to be built, one in the Medway and one in Norfolk and Essex. Vickers and Messrs. Armstrong are also building ships in connection with the above contracts. These new airships will cost £275,000, of which £200,000 falls on this year's Estimates. Additional expenditure on airships brings up the total to £220,000.

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